

IN RECOGNITION OF "BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

WHEREAS, in 2002, it is estimated that 800 Georgian women will be diagnosed with breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, it is estimated that 170 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that minorities are at higher risk to develop breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, data from a 2000 statewide survey shows that 59.5% of Georgian women age 40 and older have had a mammogram and a clinical exam in the preceding two years; and

WHEREAS, data from a 2000 statewide survey shows that 63.3% of Georgia women age 50 and older have had a mammogram and a clinical exam in the preceding two years; and

WHEREAS, alliances between public and private sectors have been formed in order to foster continued research through the establishment of Breast Cancer Communities and Research Centers; and

WHEREAS, mammography is the single best method for early detection of Breast Cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2002 to be "BREAST CANCER Awareness MONTH" in Augusta, Georgia and encourage all women to take preventative steps toward prevention and detection.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia to be affixed this first day of October 2002.